

Wainford Rural District

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1947



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## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AS TO THE

### Sanitary Conditions of Wainford Rural District FOR THE YEAR 1947.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Council  
of Wainford Rural District.*

Gentlemen,

I present my Annual Report for the year ending 31st  
December, 1947.

#### STATISTICS.

**Area.** 44,871 acres.

**Population.** 7,000.

**Inhabited Houses.** 1,957.

**Rateable Value.** £15,965.

**Sum raised by Penny Rate.** £68.

#### Births.

	M.	F.	Total.	
Legitimate	70	81	158	Birth-rate per 1000, 23·4. (Rate for England, 20·5).
Illegitimate	1	6		

#### Still Births.

Legitimate	2	1	4	Rate per 1000, ·59. (Rate for England, ·5).
Illegitimate	1	—		

#### Deaths.

All causes	40	44	84	Death-rate per 1000, 12·4. (Rate for England, 12·0).
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#### Infantile Mortality

Legitimate	2	1	4	Rate per 1000 live births, 25·0. (Rate for England, 41·0).
Illegitimate	1	—		

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

		M.	F.			M.	F.
Tuberculosis	...	1	—	Gastric Ulcer	...	2	—
Syphilis	...	1	—	Other Digestive	...	2	1
Polio-myelitis	...	—	1	Nephritis	...	2	1
Cancer	...	1	8	Maternal causes	...	—	1
Heart Disease	...	14	15	Premature Birth	...	1	—
Other Circulatory	...	—	3	Congenital causes	...	1	1
Bronchitis	...	—	2	Road traffic	...	—	2
Stroke	...	6	6	Other violence	...	3	—
Pneumonia	...	1	1	Other causes	...	5	2

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles	..	46	Polio-myelitis	.	2
Whooping Cough		4	Scarlet Fever	..	1
Pneumonia	..	3			

TOTAL 56. Polio-myelitis, the worst outbreak for many years, fell lightly on the district, but of the two cases one died. Special arrangements were made by the County for the treatment of the acute stage and also for the resulting paralysis.

Infectious disease incidence, 8.3 per 1000.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

Four new cases were notified, three of them males, pulmonary, and of the ages of 23, 34, and 67. One female, pulmonary, aged 46. One death occurred, male, pulmonary, aged 67.

20 cases remained on the register at the end of the year.

Notification of all infectious diseases is satisfactory.

All the statistical figures show little change from the past. The increased figures for heart disease as a cause of death appears to be due to the increased numbers, or diagnosis, of coronary thrombosis.

## NOTES.

**Housing.** 20 new houses were built by the authority and 5 by private enterprise. The building programme for 1948 is for 80 houses.

**Milk.** Number of new suppliers, 8. Number of existing for T.T., 10 ; for accredited, 10 ; for pasteurised, 1. 14 samples tested for tuberculosis by the County proved negative.

**Sewerage.** The Air Ministry Sewer at Holton has been acquired.

**Water.** Tested annually from piped supplies, bacteriologically. No adverse sample has been received during the year.



**Diphtheria Immunisation.** The following numbers have been done during the year: Under 5, 113; ages, 5—14, 72; School “booster” doses, 70. This result is not quite good enough to maintain immunity at a safe level having regard to the estimated child population. The results, from the country as a whole, are however, very encouraging, and the Council may be interested to hear that the number of cases for 1947 were one-quarter of those in 1940, and the number of deaths one-tenth. Both the figures are the lowest ever recorded.

**Ambulance Service.** Details of the new scheme were received from the County and a number of copies distributed.

**Scabies.** This has definitely diminished, probably owing to the help of the Health visitors of the County in treatment.

HUBERT PEDLER,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

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# ANNUAL REPORT of the SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1947.

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WAINFORD COUNCIL OFFICES,

1, BALLYGATE, BECCLES,

22nd June, 1948.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Wainford Rural District Council.*

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I present my Annual Report for the year 1947 dealing with the sanitary circumstances of the district.

This record is prepared in accordance with instructions conveyed to the Medical Officer of Health by Circular 170/47, and therefore the major part of the department's activities are omitted, namely: Engineering, Building Surveying and Licensing, Permanent and Emergency Housing Management, Waterworks Management and War Damage.

The magnitude of this work, coupled with the absence of clerical assistance and inadequate office accommodation has again necessitated a considerable curtailment of sanitary inspection duties.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. COLLINS,

*Senior Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.*

## STAFF.

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR. (Whole-time).

W. A. Collins, Cert. S.I.B. and Royal Sanitary Institute Special Meat and Food Certificate. (Appointed 1st April, 1946).

ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTOR. (Whole-time).

B. Morgan, Cert. S.I.B. (Appointed 1st April, 1946).

RODENT OPERATIVE. Part-time).

H. W. Fitt. (Appointed June, 1946).

## EXISTING HOUSING.

Number of condemned houses still occupied	..	91
„ „ „ derelict	.. ..	13
„ „ „ demolished	..	not known

Summary of Rural Housing Survey made under the terms of the Hobhouse Report during 1944 and 1945 :

Number of houses satisfactory in all respects	...	...	89
„ „ requiring minor repairs	...	...	213
„ „ requiring extensive repair	...	...	325
„ „ suitable for reconditioning	...	...	109
„ „ beyond repair at reasonable expense	...	...	386
TOTAL			1122

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT PROCEDURE :

Number of nuisance complaints	...	23		
„ informal notices served	26	Complied with	14	
„ Statutory Notices served	5	„ „	4	

## WATER SUPPLY.

**Quality and Quantity.** The majority of shallow wells and ponds dried up during the year, including five public supplies. To alleviate this condition the Council instituted an emergency water service by providing storage cisterns in the following parishes: All Saints, St. Michael, St. Margaret's Ilketshall, St. James, Redisham, Shadingfield. The emergency cisterns of approx. 400 galls. capacity are replenished by various contractors who obtain their supplies from private sources served by Beccles or Bungay waterworks or from the Wainford Council's own waterworks. In addition, householders and building sites were supplied direct in certain cases.

**Piped Supplies.** The physical quality of the water from the Council's four waterworks has given rise to complaints from consumers, especially following the levying of a water rate on stand pipe users.

The elimination of permanent and temporary hardness and precipitated iron hydroxide is an economic impossibility, and emphasises the necessity for a regional water scheme supplied from a large source where any necessary treatment can be carried out economically.

## DETAILS OF THE COUNCIL'S PUBLIC WATERWORKS SUPPLYING PIPED WATER.

Parish	Pumping Capacity (Gals. per hr.)	Elevated Storage (Gals.)	Miles of Main	Diameter of Main
* All Saints	300	2,000	$\frac{1}{2}$	2-inch
* St. Lawrence	175	2,000	1	2-inch
* Rumburgh	300	4,800	2	2-inch
** Holton	6,000	60,000	1	4-inch

\* Motive power—wind with auxiliary engine.

\*\* „ „ electric submersed centrifugal pump.

## POPULATION AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS WITH AN AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF PUBLIC MAINS WATER.

SOURCE AND PARISH.	DIRECT SUPPLY.		STANDPIPE SUPPLY.	
	No. of Houses	Estimated Population	No. of Houses	Estimated Population
<b>Council's Waterworks.</b>				
All Saints ... ..	4	12	26	78
Holton ... ..	43	129	7	21
Rumburgh ... ..	12	36	62	186
St. Lawrence ... ..	6	18	37	111
<b>Private Waterworks:</b>				
Worlingham Park ... ..	68	204	...	...
Ellough ... ..	...	...	172	516
Flixton ... ..	14	42	1	3

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

In the village of Holton, 2,800 yards of 9-inch sewer laid down by the Air Ministry during the war is already in use by the Council pending negotiations for its purchase. The sewer discharges to a sewage disposal works in Halesworth Urban District.

With regard to housing development, small filters and/or septic tanks have been installed on four new Council house sites in other parts of the district.



## MILK PRODUCTION.

Eight wholesale producers applied for registration as cow-keepers. One supplementary retail licence was issued authorising the use of the designation "Pasteurised" in respect of a heat treatment plant outside the district.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

**Ellough, Worlingham, and North Cove.** A weekly collection of refuse is maintained by contract and disposed of at a partially controlled tip. During the year 100 additional dwellings were added to the collection round.

**Holton.** A weekly collection continues in operation by contract, and after considerable difficulty a disused pit was found for disposal.

**Can and Bottle Disposal.** In an attempt to deal with the can, bottle and old iron problem the Council started a system of bunkers situated in various parts of the district not at present served by refuse collection. At the end of the year bunkers had been established in the parishes of Blyford, Brampton, Spexhall and Wissett, the contents of which are consigned periodically to the Council's refuse tips. The accumulation of such indestructible material at the refuse tips creates another problem in the control of same, and when the system is extended to other parishes, the Council will have to face up to the fact and engage a whole-time tip man who could possibly deal with salvage at the same time from the tip face.

## RODENT CONTROL.

Systematic inspection and treatment of non-agricultural premises has continued during the year, the work being carried out by the operative whose services are shared between this Council, Beccles Borough and Bungay Urban District.

This department also carry out the "2d per tail" scheme on behalf of the East Suffolk County Council.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

No permanent factories are registered, but building sites are kept under surveillance with regard to sanitary conveniences.



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